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1. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL GOJ PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED
JANUARY 6 ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA WHICH INCLUDES TEXT
MESSAGE TO OAU FROM GOJ:

IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA AND AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH A NUMBER OF AFRICAN LEADERS AND OTHER THIRD
WORLD LEADERS, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN DESPATCHED TO
ALL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA NOTES WITH ALARM AND DISGUST THAT
THE RACIST TROOPS OF SOUTH AFRICA INVADED ANGOLA ON OCTOBER 23,
1975. WE SHARE THE GENERAL FEELING OF SADNESS OVER THE
INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED IN ANGOLA. HOWEVER,
LIKE ALL FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES, WE REGARD SOUTH AFRICA'S
IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION AS THE OVERRIDING ISSUE DEMANDING
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THE UNITED ATTENTION AND RESISTENCE OF ALL FREEDOM LOVING

AFRICAN STATES AND THE ENTIRE THIRD WORLD. SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENCE IS NOT ONLY THE SUPREME THREAT TO THE HOPES OF ALL ANGOLAN PEOPLE, BUT IS A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF EVERY BLACK AND PROGRESSIVE NATION ON THE CONTINENT.

"WE URGE YOU TO MAKE SOUTH AFRICA'S IMPERIALIST ADVENTURE THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OR MILITARY EXPLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA SHOULD BE THE UNITED DEMAND OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. ALTHOUGH WE ARE SMALL AND FAR AWAY, WE PLEDGE OUR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR ANY AND ALL EFFORTS OF AFRICAN COUNTIES ALONG WITH ANY AND ALL OTHER EFFORTS TO REPULSE AND DEFEAT SOUTH AFRICA IN ANGOLA.

"WE ALSO UNDERTAKE TO DO ALL WITHIN OUR MEANS TO ASSIST THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE TO OVERCOME THEIR IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY AFTER THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY UNCONDITIONALLY REMOVED.

"WE URGE YOU TO USE YOUR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO PERSAUDE ALL OTHER AFRICAN STATES TO UNITE FOR THIS SUPREME AND URGENT PURPOSE."

MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ARE MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA ON JANUARY 10 WHERE THE ANGOLAN SITUATION WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM OF BUSINESS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE HONOURABLE DUDLEY THOMPSON, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS DUE IN EUROPE TO HEAD AN IMPORTANT TRADE AND ECONOMIC DELEGATION. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS REQUESTED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DETOUR THROUGH ADDIS ABABA ON JANUARY 9 WHERE IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE MINISTER TO HAVE TALKS WITH A NUMBER OF AFRICAN LEADERS.

THE MINISTER WILL BE URGING THE POINT OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE OFFICIAL MESSAGE IN FACE TO FACE DISCUSSIONS. ON THE 10TH OF JANUARY, WHEN THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE BEGINS, MR. THOMPSON WILL PROCEED ON THE BUSINESS OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC MISSION.

IN TAKING THE ABOVE ACTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA
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TAKES SPECIAL NOTE OF THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS INVADED ANGOLA ON OCTOBER 23, 1975. PRIOR TO THEIR INVASION, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED IN GIVING VARIOUS KINDS OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WEAPONS TO THE THREE CONTENDING GROUPS, THE MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA. HOWEVER, AT THE POINT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION, THERE WERE ONLY WHITE MERCENARIES AND CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ZAIREAN ARMY HELPING THE FORCES OF THE FNLA IN THE NORTH AND WHITE MERCENARIES HELPING THE FORCES

OF UNITA IN THE SOUTH. BUT NO OTHER REGULAR TROOPS OF ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY WERE PRESENT.

BY NOVEMBER 3, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAD PENETRATED SOME 700 MILES INTO ANGOLAN TERRITORY AND HAD OVERRUN A SCHOOL WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE CUBANS AS PART OF THEIR PROGRAMME OF REQUESTED ASSISTANCE TO THE ANGOLANS OF THE MPLA. AT THIS POINT, THE MPLA WERE IN RETREAT BEFORE THE HEAVILY ARMED WHITE MERCENARIES ATTACKING FROM THE NORTH AND WERE BEING OVERRUN BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN COLUMN FROM THE SOUTH. URGENT APPEALS FOR DIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WERE MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. ON NOVEMBER 5, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT RESPONDED TO THESE REQUESTS AND COMMENCED DISPATCHING UNITS OF THE REGULAR CUBAN ARMY ON NOVEMBER 9. ON NOVEMBER 23, CUBAN TROOPS ALONGSIDE OF ANGOLAN TROOPS OF THE MPLA ENGAGED THE SOUTH AFRICAN COLUMN SOUTH OF LUANDA AND INFLICTED THE FIRST DEFEAT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS.

SIMULTANTEOUSLY, COMBINED UNITS ENGAGED AND ADMINISTERED A CRUSHING DEFEAT TO WHITE MERCENARY FORCES INVADING FROM THE NORTH.

THE INVASION OF ANGOLA BY SOUTH AFRICA IS A NAKED ACT OF RACIST IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION WHICH POSES A THREAT TO THE WHOLE OF BLACK AFRICA AND TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH WE ARE SMALL AND FAR AWAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA FEELS THAT A PRINCIPLE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IS INVOLVED THAT CALLS FOR THE UNITED RESPONSE OF EVERY FREEDOM LOVING GOVERNMENT IN THE WORLD. HENCE, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY WILL MAKE THE TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM ANGOLA THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION IN THAT TRAGIC AND UNCLASSIFIED

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